From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4. Another week has zoomed by – I should say “blown by” – what a hot, windy week it was! Thank goodness for the air conditioning – we have been bringing the children inside for eating time this week to escape the heat and the flies.

Keep sending along the drink bottles filled with cold water – they have been well used this week.

Last Friday was our Rodeo Dress Up day and this week we are off to Leslie Park for “Count Us In”. There always seems to be something on, in addition to all the usual things we try to get done at school. It’s great to see our students participating in and making a contribution to the wider community.

We are nearing the pointy end of the year and the children will be completing a range of assessment tasks which, together with assessment carried out throughout the semester, make it possible for us to complete semester 2 report cards.

Have a great week.

Regards

Laura Watson

PS: Thank you to the Ramsey family for the hay. In this heat wave it will help the plants survive.
~Tuckshop~

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 Behaviour - Parade STARS Presentation

Last week’s STARS focus was TEAMWORK.

Our troupe presented a fun item demonstrating the importance of contributing to the team and doing your bit for the good of the group — even when you feel like giving up. Thanks to Abbi, Clare, James, Travis and Lachlan for their performance.

Term 4 Week 3
Random Acts of Kindness

Congratulations to all the students who were extra special last week….

Heidi, Jayden, James and Jesse for striving to be part of a team during the ‘Rip It Up Reading’ Professional Development session.

Madison showed great teamwork by helping another student pick up items they had accidently dropped.

Well done Tom R for helping Mrs Watson pick up the canister of pencils she spilled everywhere.

Thanks Georgia for filling in work for a class mate while they were out of the room so they didn’t fall behind.


Home escape plan

Every family should have a plan in place so that everyone knows what to do in case of fire. Even the process of discussing the plan will highlight important points and potential issues for your family and your home.

Your discussion about an effective plan should examine:

- Everyone knows at least two ways out of each room in the house
- Windows can open and be used for escape if necessary
- An appropriate outside meeting place, so a "roll" can be called to ensure everyone is safe
- Who will be responsible for any babies or small children, disabled residents and pets
- The best means of escape for anyone upstairs
- Which (if any) parent or adult will decide if there is opportunity to take any possessions

It is useful to practise your escape plan to ensure it works efficiently and everyone understands what to do.

Warwick State High School
Is holding a
GETTING TO KNOW YOU DAY
On
Wednesday November 12
Fire Safety Visit

Last Thursday members of the Allora Fire Brigade and our own Rural Fire Brigade visited the school and spoke to the students about fire safety. While our older students had heard some of the messages before, it is important for our younger students to learn about what to do in case of the situations which may arise due to fire – and it certainly does no harm for everyone to be reminded of how to behave in emergency situations.

We have learnt:
- When in a smoke filled room – GET DOWN LOW AND GO, GO, GO
- If your clothes are on fire – STOP, DROP AND ROLL
- If your house is on fire – GET OUT AND STAY OUT
- If you are in a burning building and the fire brigade arrive – DON’T HIDE – SCREAM AND SHOUT!!!

While we hope our children never have need of the information imparted by our visitors it is vital we all know what to do if the situation arises.

After the safety talk we walked out and checked out the fire trucks…..and had a play with the hose of course!

Many thanks to the firemen for their time and for sharing important and very interesting information.

Rodeo Dress Up Day

As you know last Friday was our Rodeo Dress Up Day and, despite the heat, Woody, Bo-Bo the Clown, a few rough riders, a couple of princesses and a cow turned up in full costume.

We started the day with a few camp drafting races – practicing for the Gold Cup! Following our normal Friday parade we had a Rodeo Parade – prizes were awarded in a wide range of categories – Best Dressed, Funniest, Happiest, Politest, Daggiest, Cutest – we even had Best “Strike a Pose”

Some great posers amongst us!

It was also great to see Freestone students in the Saturday rodeo parade, representing various community groups. Hope you saw their photos in the Warwick Daily News’ special Sunday edition.

Count Us In

By the time you read this newsletter we will have attended the Count Us In event in Leslie Park. We will have some photos to share next week I am sure.

Thank you to those parents who took students to East School on Tuesday for the publicity Photo for this event. It was a beaut photo of our students—Lincoln managed to be front and Centre.

Bribie Island Camp

Final arrangements are being made with the staff at the Bribie Island Camp and the excitement here at school is building. Please complete the relevant forms and return them together with payment by Wednesday the 12th of November so final numbers can be confirmed with the camp.

Tomorrow is World Teachers’ Day

Happy Day to Us!
End of Year Play (a few words from Mrs Baldwin)

I am hoping our parade presentations are helping fire up acting enthusiasm for our end of year play “Goodbye My Friend”.

I have tried very hard to match the various roles with what students have indicated they would feel comfortable doing. I understand that some of us love nothing more than prancing around and performing for anyone who will watch while others could think of nothing worse. The older students have their own copy of the script and I would appreciate any help you can give your child/children in learning their lines at home. (The scripts will need to come back to school each day.)

If you could have a think about costumes too, great! Most of the time the students are playing themselves and will only need to wear school uniform or casual clothes. For the nativity scene we will need simple angel, shepherd, wise men, Mary, Joseph, Gabriel costumes – I will send notes home with more details – and some of the boys have happily agreed to be female characters and will need dresses etc.

Please let me know if you are keen to help in some way with the play—painting backgrounds, organizing props, putting costumes together, helping children learn their lines.

TECHNOLOGY TASKS

Our horses, bulls and cars are taking shape.

The P-3s started painting on Wednesday.

New addition to our School sign.....

Some of you may have noticed the new addition to our school sign at the corner of Freestone & School Roads.

Some of us (even though we knew it was being done) forgot to have a look on the way to work this morning, so had to go back and check it out. I must admit it looks good.